

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – November 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas McLaughlin, MD at the Town Managers Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M. Also in attendance were; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Dutrochet Djoko, Member; and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PERMITS AND LICENSING UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that permit renewals are ready to be sent out in the following weeks. Updates can be expected at the January meeting of the Board.

FLAVOR RESTRICTION TRAINING

Carleo noted that with the new flavor prohibition taking effect soon, Joyce Redford from our Tobacco Control program has scheduled several training days and times for industry. The purpose of the training is to help them understand what is considered “flavored” and to offer an opportunity for all questions to be asked and answered.

NUISANCE REPORT

Due to technological failures on the part of Full Circle, our application vendor, a full report on complaints was unavailable.

CLINTON AVENUE

Carleo reported that at a recent public meeting held by EPA, a resident held up a map from the mid 1800's claiming that numerous tanneries operated in Danvers and that all former tannery sites should be investigated for contamination. Residents began expressing concerns about their own neighborhoods and cancer rates. Dr. McLaughlin recognizes that it can be difficult helping the public understand that cancer has myriad causes, and that causal links cannot be drawn between tanneries and every case of cancer in Danvers. In preparation to respond to such claims, Carleo has contacted toxicologists at MADPH and ATSDR who will review the EPA file for health concerns.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Ryan provided the Board with an update on her regular public health nursing activity. DanversCARES has scheduled “Parent University” for November 3rd 8am to 12PM.

She continues to serve on the Recovery Centers of America infection control committee.

The memory café has started at the Senior Center. It is held the second Tuesday of the month and the next will be November 13.

Blood pressure clinics continue every Thursday.

FLU CLINICS

Nurse Ryan provided the Board with a report on influenza clinics to date. Initial numbers of vaccinations are up over last year. All public schools are completed. The Senior Center will be hosting our clinic on the 7th and St. Mary's School is scheduled for November 2nd.

State supplied vaccine is on hand, but only 50 doses. These doses are earmarked for those 8 to 18 years old with MA Health or those with no insurance coverage.

The regional clinic planned for the North Shore Mall has been cancelled. However a regional flu clinic has been scheduled for November 15 from 3 to 6PM at the Danvers YMCA. Nurses from Boards of Health in the area will provide flu vaccine for any who seek it. Nurse Ryan plans to add the YMCA as an Emergency Dispensing Site, and this year's clinic will be counted as a drill for emergency preparedness deliverables.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Since the last meeting, Nurse Ryan received reports of 1 HEP C, 1 Lyme, 1 Influenza. Additionally, the suspect legionellosis from last month was confirmed, but limited to the single case.

ANIMAL CARE

ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Again, due to technological failures, Carleo was unable to provide a report on animal complaints.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo
Clerk for the Board of Health